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1. RECENT INCIDENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE NEED FOR CHANGES IN POLICY REGARDING THE TRAVEL TO YUGOSLAVIA OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS WHO ARE EITHER DUAL NATIONALS (CITIZENS OF BOTH YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES) OR YUGOSLAV CITIZENS. USAREUR HAS SOUGHT USDAO CONCURRENCE IN THE TRAVEL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS UNDER REF B, AND IT HAS USUALLY BEEN GRANTED. NAVY AND AIR FORCE COMMANDS HAVE NOT SOUGHT EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IN THE RECENT PAST, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT REGULATIONS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT REGULATIONS WHICH TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DANGERS FACED BY DUAL NATIONALS AND YUGOSLAV CITIZEN DEPENDENTS BE ESTABLISHED FOR ALL SERVICES.

2. IN THE INTERIM, THE EMBASSY WILL NO LONGER GRANT CONCURRENCE FOR THE TRAVEL OF DUAL NATIONAL MILITARY PERSONNEL

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TO YUGOSLAVIA EXCEPT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS IN THE EVENT

OF AN EMERGENCY. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DUAL NATIONAL MILITARY PERSONNEL RENOUNCE THEIR YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP IF THEY PLAN TO TRAVEL TO YUGOSLAVIA. THE EMBASSY WILL CONCUR IN THE TRAVEL OF MILITARY DEPENDENTS WHO ARE DUAL NATIONALS OR YUGOSLAV CITIZENS, PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE GIVEN THE FOLLOWING WARNING: "RECENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING DUAL NATIONALS AND MILITARY DEPENDENTS OF YUGOSLAV NATIONALITY INCLUDE HARASSMENT, ARREST, MILITARY INDUCTION, RECRUITMENT ATTEMPTS BY YUGOSLAV INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AND THREATS AGAINST RELATIVES LIVING IN YUGOSLAVIA. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO ABILITY TO PROTECT NON-AMERICANS AGAINST THESE DANGERS, EVEN IF THEY ARE MILITARY DEPENDENTS. IN THE CASE OF DUAL NATIONALS, THE SITUATION IS ONLY SLIGHTLY BETTER.

"YUGOSLAV LAW DOES NOT RECOGNIZE DUAL NATIONALITY. NATURALIZED UNITED STATES CITIZENS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN WHO HAVE NOT FORMALLY RENOUNCED THEIR YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP WILL BE TREATED BY YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES ONLY AS YUGOSLAV CITIZENS SHOULD THEY RETURN TO YUGOSLAVIA. SHOULD THEY BE ARRESTED, THEY MAY WELL BE DENIED THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. DUAL NATIONAL MALES WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED YUGOSLAV MILITARY SERVICE MAY BE DRAFTED INTO THE YUGOSLAV ARMY, EVEN IF THEY ARE ONLY VISITING THE COUNTRY TEMPORARILY.

"MILITARY DEPENDENTS WHO ARE DUAL NATIONALS OR YUGOSLAV CITIZENS SHOULD CONSIDER THESE DANGERS WHEN CONTEMPLATING TRAVEL TO YUGOSLAVIA. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DUAL NATIONALS FORMALLY RENOUNCE THEIR YUGOSLAV CITIZENSHIP IF THEY PLAN TO TRAVEL TO YUGOSLAVIA. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND FROM THE YUGOSLAV CONSULATES IN NEW YORK, CLEVELAND, PITTSBURGH, CHICAGO AND SAN FRANCISCO. YUGOSLAV NATIONALITY IS NOT CONSIDERED LOST UNTIL THE APPLICATION FOR RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP IS APPROVED. THIS PROCESS MAY TAKE A YEAR OR LONGER."

3. IN ADDITION, ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT ALL TOURISTS IN YUGOSLAVIA MUST
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REGISTER WITH THE POLICE IN EACH PLACE WHERE THEY SPEND THE NIGHT. THIS REGISTRATION IS AUTOMATICALLY PERFORMED BY HOTEL, MOTEL AND CAMPGROUND PERSONNEL, AND TOURISTS STAYING AT THESE PLACES GENERALLY NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THE REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, WHEN STAYING IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES, REGISTRATION WITH POLICE IS REQUIRED, AND FAILURE TO REGISTER CAN RESULT IN A FINE FOR THE HOST AS WELL AS

A FINE AND EXPULSION FROM THE COUNTRY FOR THE GUEST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT SERVICE-WIDE REGULATIONS BE ESTABLISHED TO REFLECT THIS POLICY, AND THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR CASE-BY-CASE EMBASSY CLEARANCES UNDER REF B BE TERMINATED.

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